

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
24.189.301 definitions, 24.189.401 fee)
schedule, 24.189.411 use of title, and)
24.189.607 required supervised experience)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On October 26, 2006, the Board of Psychologists (board) published MAR Notice No. 24-189-30 regarding the amendment of the above-stated rules, at page 2461 of the 2006 Montana Administrative Register, issue no. 20.

2. On November 17, 2006, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules in Helena. Several comments were received by the November 27, 2006, deadline.

3. The board has thoroughly considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received and the board's responses are as follows:

COMMENT 1: Several commenters stated that applicants working full-time in teaching or the military will have difficulty completing the supervised experience in three years. The commenters suggested extending the time for completion of supervised experience or adding a provision to allow the board to grant extensions in individual cases.

RESPONSE 1: The board agrees that the three-year time limit may prove difficult for some applicants. The board is amending ARM 24.189.301(3) and 24.189.607(4) to allow applicants to complete the supervised experience in five calendar years.

COMMENT 2: One commenter suggested the board add the clinical supervision of graduate students to the examples of satisfactory professional experience in ARM 24.189.607(1).

RESPONSE 2: The board acknowledges the comment but is not amending the examples of professional experience at this time.

4. The board has amended ARM 24.189.401 and 24.189.411 exactly as proposed.

5. The board has amended ARM 24.189.301 and 24.189.607 with the following changes, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

24.189.301 DEFINITIONS (1) through (3)(a) remain as proposed.

- (b) used for a maximum of ~~three~~ five years; and
- (c) remains as proposed.

24.189.607 REQUIRED SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE (1) through (4)(a)
remain as proposed.

- (b) be obtained over a period of no more than ~~three~~ five calendar years;
- (c) through (13) remain as proposed.

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